

**Information Session / Technical Assistance Workshop Follow-up for
Community Facilities Loan Program RFP**
Workshop held on September 27, 2006

The principal issue raised in the Information Session concerned the regulations and policies governing the disposition of real property improved with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds by religious institutions and faith-based organizations. As cited in the RFP instructions, 24 CFR parts 84 and 85 are the primary federal regulations governing this issue. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), however, issued a Notice through its Office of Community Planning and Development on September 29, 2004 which further addresses this issue - CDP 04-10.

(<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/lawsregs/notices/2004/04-10.pdf>) Prospective RFP applicants are encouraged to read the Notice to better understand HUD policies regarding the treatment of faith-based organizations participating in Community Planning and Development programs like CDBG.

For purposes of the Community Facilities Loan Program RFP, the Human Services Department will modify its funding conditions and terms of agreement for consistency with HUD regulations and policies should an applicant be awarded funds to improve a building that is owned by a religious or faith-based organization. These modifications will be in keeping with HUD's policies further described in CPD 04-10, "Properties owned by faith-based organizations are subject to the requirements of § 84.32, not the general CDBG subrecipient property disposition requirements of 24CFR 570.503(b)(7) or 570.489(j)."

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